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# SPAWN





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#### PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Spawn explains to Marc that his powers have evolved, and he is able to bring creatures to life with the touch of a finger and then kill them again in an instant. He realizes much like the first Spawn who controlled the Damned, he can control the dead. He continues, telling Marc, he needs Jim Downing to break the link between his symbiote and the curse that holds him to Hell. Knowing the way social media is, Spawn gives Marc files and photos he wants to go viral. Marc gives them to his editor and within hours, they are all over news, internet and social media.

Meanwhile, Spawn hunts down Bludd, who knows where Jim is being held and forces him to divulge all the information. Spawn finally visits Jim and uses his newfound powers to jolt him out of his coma.

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THE INITIAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THE WAR SPAWN HAS BEGUN ARE TAKING ROOT. BECAUSE IF YOU EVER HOPE TO WEAKEN YOUR ENEMY, YOU MUST STRIKE AT THE SOURCE OF THEIR GREATEST POWER.

FOR SPAWN'S ENEMIES, THOUGH BORN IN HEAVEN OR HELL, THEY'RE MOSTLY HIDING THEIR IDENTITIES FROM THE WORLD AS THEY DISGUISE THEMSELVES IN 'HUMAN' FORM INSTEAD. AND THEY'VE USED TWO TOOLS IN A WAY THE REST OF US WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO WIELD: LATENT ABILITIES AND TIME.

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IT'S THE SECOND PART THAT'S GIVEN THESE DEMON AND ANGELIC WARRIOR'S THEIR EDGE. BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE CONSTRAINTS OF AGING... A FORCE THAT PUSHES MAN INTO MAKING DECISIONS WHILE THEY'RE STILL PHYSICALLY VIBRANT.

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NO, THESE CREATURES INSTEAD TOOK THEIR TIME OVER SEVERAL CENTURIES, SLOWLY BUILDING WEALTH AND PRESTIGE, ULTIMATELY GROWING THEIR POWER OVER MEN IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. FOR GREED IS THE GREATEST OF MAN'S SINS AND THAT SIN IS EASILY EXPLOITED BY THE ONE GREAT POWER THAT CLAIMS US ALL... MONEY!

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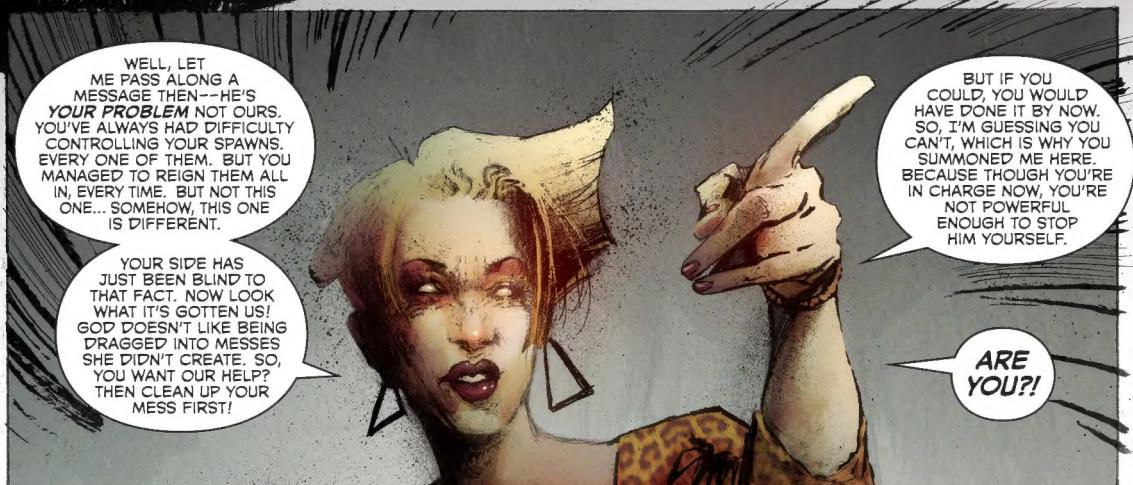
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AND WITHOUT MONEY  
THEY HAVE NO FUEL TO  
FEED MAN'S GREED.

AND SO FOR DAYS, THE NEGATIVE SIGNS HAVE BEEN BUILDING... CULMINATING IN TODAY'S COMPLETE MELTDOWN IN ALL THIS FINANCIAL CARNAGE, CERTAIN COMPANIES ARE FEELING ITS IMPACT MORE THAN OTHERS.

FAR MORE!







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RECENT EVENTS SEEN ON TV AND THE INTERNET HAVE EMBOLDENED THE PUBLIC TO PUSH THEIR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO GIVE THEM ANSWERS TO THEIR QUESTIONS. TRUTHFUL ANSWERS.

THE PUBLIC'S HAD ENOUGH.

THIS IS EXACTLY THE REACTION SPAWN WAS HOPING FOR WHEN HE STARTED HIS MULTI-PRONGED ATTACK.  
**FIRST:** LET THE PUBLIC KNOW YOU EXIST.

**SECOND:** MAKE THAT EXISTENCE UNBEARABLE FOR YOUR ENEMIES WHO'VE MANIPULATED HUMANITY FOR FAR TOO LONG.

**THIRD:** MAKE EVERYONE SUFFERS FINANCIALLY, EVEN THE INNOCENT, SO WHEN THOSE SAME ENEMIES LIE AGAIN, THE EMOTIONS WILL BE AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE.

AND  
**FOURTH:**  
GIVE THEM  
ONE LAST  
SURPRISE!

HEY! DUDE!

THAT'S  
MY CAR. DO  
YOU MIND...  
SHIT.

SO, IT'S  
TRUE. YOU  
ARE THE ONE  
BEHIND ALL  
THIS.

GET IN  
THE CAR,  
DAVID.

BEEN  
SEEING YOU  
ON ALL OVER THE  
PLACE, SIMMONS.  
EVERYONE HAS. YOU  
KNOW THAT'S NOT HOW  
WE PLAY THIS GAME.  
WE'RE SUPPOSED  
TO KEEP THIS TO  
OURSELVES, AWAY  
FROM THE  
HUMANS.

I  
KNOW.

THEN  
WHY  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
THIS?

BECAUSE I  
CAN. AND BECAUSE IT  
MAKES GUYS LIKE YOU  
NERVOUS. I LIKE WHEN  
YOU'RE NERVOUS.

MAKES  
MY JOB  
THAT MUCH  
EASIER.

NOW,  
HERE'S THE  
SIMPLE QUESTION,  
"WHO KILLED  
MY WIFE?"

DON'T  
ASK  
ME?

PAP

I AM  
ASKING YOU,  
DAVID.

YOU CRAZY  
F\*CK! WHAT'RE YOU  
DOING?! I HAD NOTHING  
TO DO WITH IT! I WASN'T  
PART OF THEIR PLAN.  
I'M A NOBODY. YOU  
KNOW THAT.

PLAN?

JESUS,  
F\*CK! I WASN'T  
ON THE TEAM!  
YOU HEAR? THEY  
DO THEIR OWN  
SHIT WHENEVER  
THEY WANT.

JUST A  
FEW MORE  
QUESTIONS,  
DAVID.

SPLAT

ONCE SPAWN HAS HIS  
ANSWERS THE MEETING  
QUICKLY ENDS.







...AS A  
**GODSEND!**

SOME DIVINE INTERVENTION SENT  
FROM THE HEAVENS WHO HELPED  
PROTECT THEM!





SO...  
IT'S TIME WE  
MAKE A FEW  
CHOICES. AND  
SOME SHOULD  
BE FAIRLY  
SIMPLE.

YOU CAN EITHER  
FIGHT HEAVEN. FIGHT  
HELL. OR TAKE US **BOOTH**  
ON. YOU WON'T SURVIVE THE  
LATTER, THAT'S FOR SURE.  
BUT WHAT IF YOU CHOSE  
TO FIGHT THE SAME  
ENEMIES WE HAVE?

THINK ABOUT  
IT. YOU HELP US  
DESTROY HELL, THEN  
YOU'LL ONLY HAVE ONE  
ENEMY LEFT. THAT'S US.  
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER  
TAKE US ON WHEN  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
WORRY ABOUT HELL  
STABBING YOU IN  
THE BACK?

WE HAVE THE  
SAME GOALS YOU  
AND I--THE ELIMINATION  
OF HELL. SAY THAT  
BACK TO YOURSELF, "NO  
MORE HELL." ISN'T THAT  
WHAT YOU'VE BEEN  
FIGHTING FOR ALL  
THESE YEARS?

WELL,  
HERE'S YOUR  
CHANCE. JOIN  
US AND LET US  
**HELP YOU**  
WITH THAT.

DO YOU  
KNOW WHY  
THEY'RE HERE?  
WHY HELL CAME  
TO EARTH IN  
THE FIRST  
PLACE?



WE GIVE THEM HOPE,  
FAITH. WHAT'RE YOU GOING  
TO OFFER THEM?

SHATK



THEN  
WHAT?  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO TELL THEM  
THEIR PITIFUL  
LIVES REALLY  
DON'T MATTER?  
I WANT TO SEE  
YOU SELL  
THEM THAT  
ONE.

THEY'RE  
CREATURES OF  
EMOTION.

THAM





WITH THE FULL FURY OF  
HIS ANGELIC POWER, THIS  
VILLAIN MATCHES SPAWN  
BLOW-FOR-BLOW

THEN DOES SOMETHING  
NO OTHER ADVERSARY HAS  
DONE BEFORE: IT TOO  
CONTROLS ITS COSTUME!

UNTIL THIS BATTLE  
DIGRESSSES INTO  
A BATTLE OF  
SYMBIOTE VERSUS  
SYMBIOTE

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CREATURES'S  
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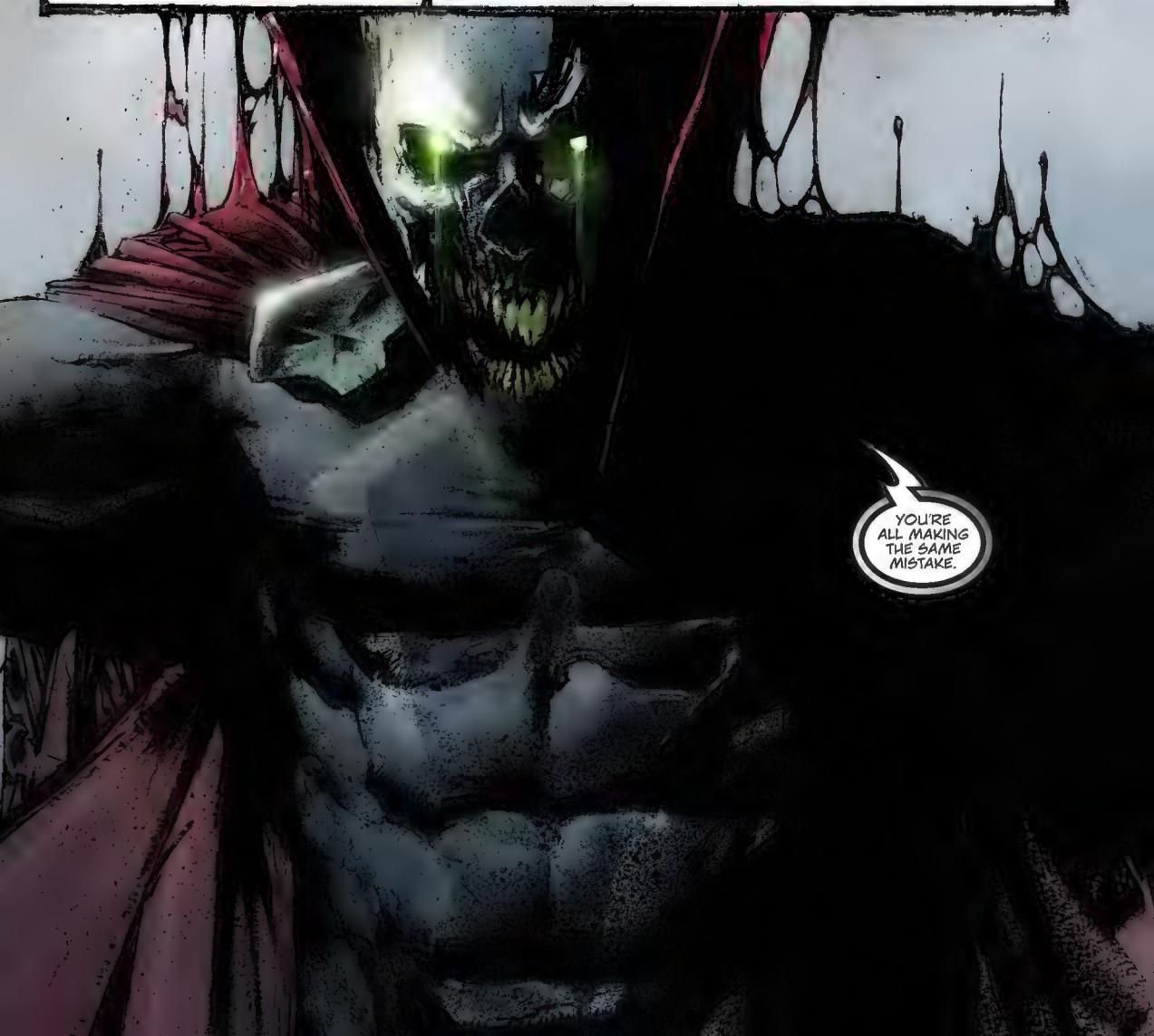
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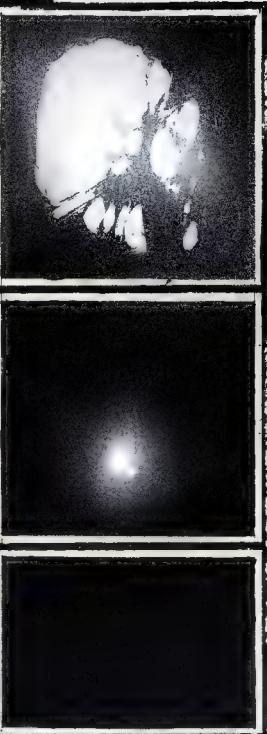
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**DEVIL!**

STOP AND  
REPENT YOUR  
SINS!





INSTEAD SPAWN TURNS INTO HIS OWN 'BLACK ANGEL' GROWING WINGS THAT NOW ENCASE THE DOME'S ENTIRE INSIDE

HOW?

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

YOU'VE PREYED ON US LONG ENOUGH. BUT NOW, HUMANITY IS ABOUT TO PUSH BACK. HARD!

AND TO YOUR QUESTION OF "HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?"

I DON'T OWE YOU ANY DAMN ANSWERS!

HIS CAPE CONTINUES TO EXPAND, AND THE ANGEL KNOWS HE HAS ONLY SECONDS TO LIVE



CRAK



CRAK



YOU'RE INSANE!

I KNOW.

THERE'S MORE OF US! I'M NOT ALONE!

I KNOW.

BOOM!





AND NOW IS THE TIME FOR SPAWN  
TO UNVEIL THE LAST STEP OF HIS PLAN.  
THE FOURTH STEP. THE ONE THAT SAYS:  
"GIVE THEM ONE LAST SURPRISE!"



SO HE TURNS TO THE CROWD  
AND SPEAKS THE WORDS NO ONE  
EVER THOUGHT THEY'D HEAR



MY  
NAME IS AL  
SIMMONS.

I'M  
HERE TO  
SAVE YOUR  
SOULS.

# SPAWN GROUND



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## Hello! Happy New Year to everyone!

2019 is THE YEAR OF SPAWN! This year, Spawn will hit the BIGGEST milestone since issue #1. Todd set a goal when he started Spawn, to not only hit issue 300, which would tie the record for the longest running independent comic book in North America, BUT he plans to break the record at 301! As of this issue (issue 293), Todd is SEVEN issues away from tying the record and EIGHT from breaking it.

We have a lot of awesome things planned for this year from new Spawn publications to special art and even a few giveaways!

If you aren't following Todd on social media, do it! He'll be sharing all the details of upcoming events, comics and history of Spawn leading up to 300 and 301.

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to all the Spawn excitement happening this year.

Cheers,  
Shannon Bailey  
Publishing Coordinator



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"Uhhh... You're Welcome."

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